

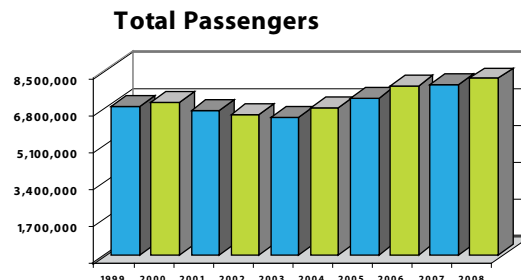
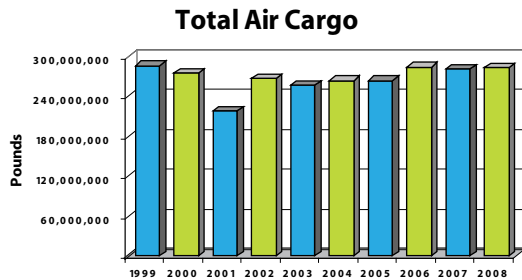
# SAN ANTONIO FLIGHT PLAN

AN AVIATION NEWSLETTER FOR SOUTH CENTRAL TEXAS

## 2008 - A GOOD YEAR FOR THE SAN ANTONIO AIRPORT SYSTEM

Following the events of 9/11/2001, air travel declined until 2003 when the upward trend began but did not reach and exceed the 2000 level until 2005. Beginning in 2005, passenger counts returned to near 2000 levels at a total of 7.4 million and continued at higher levels with each subsequent year. Over the last five years, passengers have increased 28%, from 6.5 million in 2003 to approximately 8.4 in 2008. This represents an average annual increase of 5.1% over this period.

During 2008, San Antonio International Airport (SAT) had its highest passenger count ever - a 3.5% increase over 2007. Approximately 8.4 million passengers used SAT's facilities in 2008. This represents about one million more passengers than in 2000 and 2005 or approximately 12.4% growth from 2005 to 2008. During 2008, air cargo (282,797,478 pounds) increased approximately 1.0% when compared to 2007.



## CITY OFFICIALS CUT RIBBON ON STINSON'S TERMINAL EXPANSION

A ceremony was held on November 19, 2008 to mark the completion and grand opening of a \$4.8 million project that adds two wings to the Stinson Municipal Airport terminal, first built in 1935 and expanded six times since. Stinson is the nation's second oldest continuously operating airport.

The two-story extensions add 24,000 square feet to the historic terminal's 7,000, providing room for retail areas, car rental counters, more offices and conference rooms, a larger restaurant and a new home for Palo Alto College's aviation program. The modern metal-clad wing structures fan out lower than the four-story stone structure and leave the historic facades open on both the airfield (photo below) and street sides.



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## NEW SAT CUSTOMER CONVENIENCES ADDED TO TERMINAL 1

### *New “Custom-ized” Touch for International Visitors*

San Antonio International Airport (SAT) Terminal 1 is the port of arrival for international passengers. Bi-lingual International Ambassadors have greeted millions of arriving international passengers over the past ten years, and assisted them with the proper forms needed to clear Customs and Immigration. The Aviation Department’s International Ambassadors recently began a Concierge Program. After arriving passengers leave the Federal Inspection Station, they are provided assistance and directions to ground transportation options, hotels, shopping areas, and San Antonio’s famous visitor attractions. This customer service is intended to make international visitors feel that San Antonio is their second home – Bienvenidos!



### *New Security Checkpoint Lane Opened*

In an effort to increase passenger convenience and reduce the time it takes to screen passengers, construction of a new sixth lane was completed in time for the Thanksgiving travel period. Completion of a new sixth lane also facilitated the TSA’s implementation of a family-dedicated lane. This lane will be used by families with small children, special needs passengers and those travelers carrying exempt liquid medications in excess of three ounces. The new program is designed to enhance security by allowing TSA officers to focus screening resources on those passengers who need a little extra time to get through security, while allowing improved throughput for the business person and carry-on baggage in other checkpoint lanes.

### *Family Restrooms Added*

A new family restroom in the Terminal 1 baggage claim area was recently completed. A second family restroom is under construction past the security checkpoint, between gates 11 and 12. The new restrooms are ADA accessibly equipped and provide a baby changing table, a child protection seat and hands-free plumbing fixtures.

## MICHAEL SAWAYA APPOINTED AS INTERIM AVIATION DIRECTOR

Michael Sawaya was named Interim Aviation Director in September and will oversee the day-to-day operations for the San Antonio International and Stinson Municipal Airports, as well as the current on going \$636 million Airport Expansion Program. Mr. Sawaya brings to the City more than 25 years of experience in the hospitality industry and a new perspective to customer service at the City’s airport facilities. Prior to becoming Interim Aviation Director, Mr. Sawaya was the City’s Convention, Sports and Entertainment Facilities Director – overseeing the Alamodome, Convention Center, Lila Cockrell Theater, and Municipal Auditorium.





# SAN ANTONIO INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

## TERMINAL B

**Contractor: Clark/Byrne JV**  
**ETA: 10/31/2010**

All excavation work is completed, along with building piers and basement cast-in-place walls at the north end of the Terminal B gate-concourse. Concrete work for the basement level of the gate-concourse area is complete. Form work and steel reinforcing is being placed for upcoming concrete pours, and the underground plumbing is nearing completion.



*Shown above is a view of the north ramp-level operations space under the Terminal B gate-concourse area. The basement level cast-in-place walls are complete.*



*The west end of Terminal 1 is shown near the future entrance to Terminal B. The excavated area is being prepared for the installation of the concrete slab supporting the basement.*

## 2 TIER ROADWAY /HYDRONICS

**Contractor: Archer Western**  
**ETA: 10/31/2010**

The current ring-roadway system serving the existing terminal complex is being reworked. The upper/lower level structure in front of Terminal 1 is being extended to the west with bridge and surface work currently underway. This construction work has necessitated alternate temporary roadways for passenger drop off and pick up and has had the greatest impact on airport customers.



*Looking west from the Terminal 1 upper deck, this view shows rows of concrete columns for the future bridge deck. Terminal 2 is in the background.*



*With Terminal 1 in the background, this view shows the west end of the existing upper level roadway deck as it is being prepared for connection to the future bridge deck.*



*View shows excavation for installation of hydronic tree.*



*Hydronic distribution lines have been installed adjacent to the lower level of the short-term garage.*



## CENTRAL UTILITY PLANT / HYDRONICS

**Contractor: Clark/Burne JV**  
**ETA: 06/2010**  
**Work Began 02/2009**

Another piece of the new terminal complex is a new Central Utility Plant (CUP) to provide hot

and chilled water capacity needed for the new terminal complex.

The construction package includes: design, manufacture, delivery, installation and commissioning of the new CUP, including all

necessary controls and connections; hydronic piping from the new CUP to a distribution tree servicing the terminals; and a stand-alone redundant chiller system for the FAA Tower.

## SAN ANTONIO CONVENTIONS & EVENTS

*During the first quarter of 2009, the City of San Antonio will host more than 146 conventions with over 98,680 delegates. Among the visitors to San Antonio will be:*

<b>DATES</b>	<b>ORGANIZATIONS</b>	<b>DELEGATES</b>
January 6-8	National Cotton Council of America	3,700
January 11-13	American Farm Bureau Federation	5,000
January 14-16	US Air Force AETC/DS	3,000
January 20-22	Oildom Publishing Company of Texas Inc.	2,800
February 6-8	American Cheer Power	5,000
February 11-14	Texas Music Educators Association	23,000
February 18-22	A+ Events	3,500
February 20-25	Renewable Fuels Association	3,000
March 1-4	Coldwell Banker Commercial Affiliates, Inc.	2,200
March 13-15	Pan American Student Forum of Texas	2,200
March 29-31	National Petrochemical & Refiners Association	4,043

## SAT YEAR-TO-DATE STATS

	Through Dec. '07	Through Dec. '08	Change
Domestic Boardings	3,927,682	4,078,774	3.85%
International Boardings	102,889	88,666	-13.82%
Charter Boardings	11,069	7,001	-36.7%
Total Boardings	4,030,571	4,167,440	3.4%
Total All Passengers	8,075,437	8,358,515	3.51%
Total Freight (lbs)	210,743,693	215,548,856	2.28%
Total Mail (lbs)	70,072,785	67,248,622	-4.03%